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November 6, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

With over 90,000 ballots cast in the House District 127 election, I am inspired by and thankful for all those who voted in this election!

I am grateful to have earned the support of the constituents of HD 127 and am honored to return to Austin to represent them in the 87th Session. These unprecedented times have highlighted some unintended issues with the transformational school finance legislation we passed last session and I plan to address these as soon as possible. Similarly, I will continue to fight for the Lake Houston community and the ongoing dredging program we so badly need.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard

Texas Case Counts

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

TDCJ: Peer Support Volunteers Wanted



The Texas Department of Criminal Justice places a significant focus on volunteer services realizing volunteers are an essential element in the rehabilitation and re-entry of offenders into the community. Volunteers assist in providing literacy and educational assistance, life skills, job skills, and parenting classes. Volunteers facilitate medical education and prevention training as well as arts and crafts programs, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, faith-based programming, and other programs determined by TDCJ to aid in the transition between confinement and society. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) would like to partner with you as a Peer Support Volunteer.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension Of Emergency SNAP Benefits For November 2020



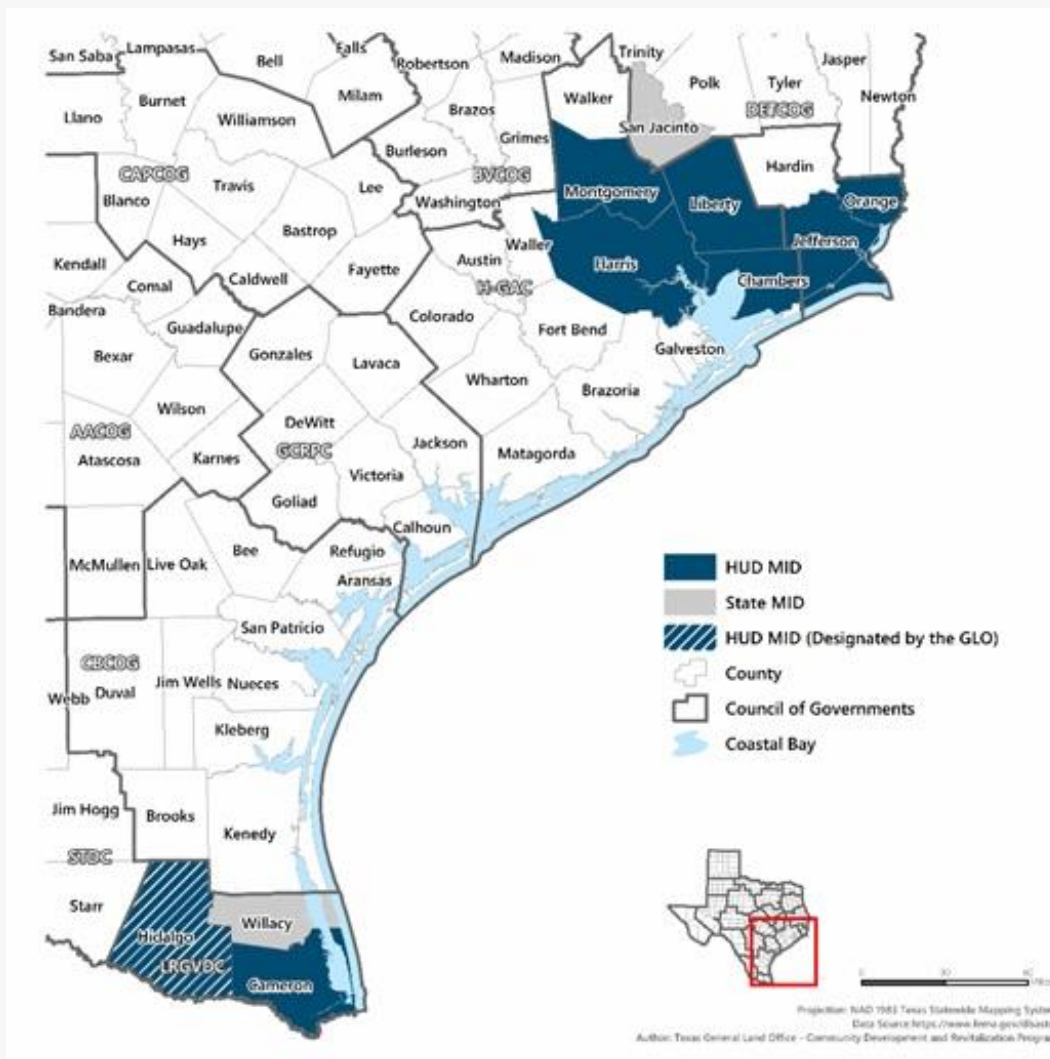
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Governor Abbott, HHSC Announce Extension Of Emergency...

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$202 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of November as the...

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HUD approves GLO state action plans for 2018 and 2019 disaster funding allocations



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PRESS RELEASE - Nov 05, 2020 Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved two state action plans detailing the distribution and eligible uses of more than \$285 million...

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TPW Commission Meeting, Annual Public Hearing to be Held Online Nov. 9-10



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AUSTIN- Due to ongoing public health concerns across the state, the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Commission's Meeting and Annual Public Hearing will be streamed virtually on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) website Nov. 9 and...

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City of Houston & Harris County Updates

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

Houston Mayor Partners with TxDOT to Urge Drivers to 'End the Streak' of Daily Deaths

On Saturday, Texas will mark 20 years of daily deaths on our roadways with more than 70,000 lives lost to preventable fatal crashes. Today Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner joined Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan for a press conference asking Texans to do their part in helping end the streak of daily deaths in Texas.

More than 3,600 people were killed statewide last year. Houston is one of 45 U.S. cities to join Vision Zero, an international movement for safe streets. In August 2019, Mayor Turner signed a Vision Zero Executive Order committing to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on Houston streets by 2030.

At the event, Commissioner Ryan made a plea to drivers.

"I'm asking you to stand with Mayor Turner and the leaders of Houston and embrace this city's Vision Zero initiative," Ryan said. "We can end the streak of daily deaths in Texas and we can reach zero roadway deaths in Houston. It is up to us. It's literally in our hands. Let's not let another Texas family down."

"The city of Houston joins the Texas Department of Transportation in the collective call to change our mindset and behavior behind the wheel to end preventable traffic deaths and injuries," Turner said. "Our Vision Zero plan is a catalyst for change and a commitment to transform how we design our roads and sidewalks to be safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Vision Zero will serve as the umbrella for the proactive measures Houston is already taking to improve street safety now and for years to come."

Turner joined state transportation leaders today to urge all Texans to buckle up; pay attention and avoid all distractions like phones; never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs and obey speed limits.

For two decades, an average of 10 people has died every day in crashes across the state. In Houston, nearly 200 people are killed each year, and 1,000 more are seriously injured. The leading cause of deadly crashes in the Houston area is failure to stay in one lane, which could be due to drunk driving, distracted driving or speeding – all preventable actions by drivers.

Because #EndTheStreakTX is a social media, grassroots and word-of-mouth effort, Texans are being asked to do any or all the following to raise awareness:

- Post pictures on social media with this [downloadable sign](#) displaying the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX
- Use one of our social media [profile filters](#)
- Join the [#TexasTagTen](#) challenge on social media and tag ten family members or friends and encourage them to say what they will do differently to avoid a fatal crash on our roads.

Earlier this year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffic levels in Houston dropped nearly 40 percent, yet the death rate on Houston roads increased by one percent.

H.D. 127 Updates

Humble ISD Golf Tournament



Golf Tournament

Oh GOSH, all the fish are gone! They are taking part of the social distancing rules and so are we! Last year's Goshing Tournament was loads of fun but we are keeping to a more simple golfing only format this year so we can streamline the event...

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Capitol Office Closure

The Capitol office will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or district127.huberty@house.texas.gov.

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